

FAITH 
COVENANT

C H U R C H

Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

July 15, 2018

*“For the Lord himself will descend from heaven
with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel,
and with the sound of the trumpet of God.
And the dead in Christ will rise first.”
1 Thessalonians 4:16*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Our worship is
a response to
God's initiative.
The pattern of
our worship
reflects the
gospel.*

***CALL TO WORSHIP: Isaiah 52:7-10**

Leader: How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

All: The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the LORD to Zion.

Leader: Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem.

All: The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

***HOW GREAT THOU ART - Hymn #44**

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy pow'r thru'out, the universe displayed

(Chorus)

*Then sings my soul, my savior God to thee
How great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my savior God to thee
How great thou art, how great thou art!*

continued above

***HOW GREAT THOU ART - Hymn #44 continued**

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze
(Chorus)

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin
(Chorus)

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, my God how great thou art
(Chorus)

***DOXOLOGY (ROMANS II)**

Oh, the depths of the riches
Of the wisdom and knowledge of God
How unsearchable His judgments,
How untraceable his paths.

Who knows the mind of our God?
And who can bring counsel to Him?
Who has given to God, that God should repay?
For from Him, through Him,
To Him is everything.
To God be the glory forever and ever,
To God be the glory forever, Amen.
(Repeat)

**Call to
Worship**

Worship begins with God who invites us and welcomes us into his presence. Because of Christ, we can approach God with boldness even though we are sinful and weak.

**Indicates when to stand.*

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***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

***COME AS YOU ARE**

Come out of sadness from wherever you've been
Come broken-hearted let rescue begin
Come find your mercy O sinner come kneel
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal

(Chorus)

*(So) Lay down your burdens, lay down your shame
All who are broken lift up your face
O wanderer come home, you're not too far
So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart, come as you are*

There's hope for the hopeless, and all those who've strayed
Come sit at the table come taste the grace
There's rest for the weary, rest that endures
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't cure
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't cure

(Chorus)

There's joy for the morning O sinner be still
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal

(Chorus)

Come as you are, come as you are, come as you are

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *1 Thessalonians 4:3-4, 7-8*

It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; that each of you should learn to control your own body in a way that is holy and honorable. For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life. Therefore, anyone who rejects this instruction does not reject a human being but God, the very God who gives you his Holy Spirit.

All: (sing together Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me - Hymn #499 vs. 2-3)

Not the labors of my hands can fulfil thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears for ever flow,
All for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to thee for dress, helpless, look to thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *1 Corinthians 15:20-22*

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

Call to Confession

We all sin daily, in thought and word and deed. As we come into God's presence, we acknowledge how we have rebelled against our King and seek his forgiveness.

***ROCK OF AGES, CLEFT FOR ME - Hymn #499**

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee;
Let the water and the blood, from thy wounded side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfil thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears for ever flow,
All for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to thee for dress, helpless, look to thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Saviour, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eye shall close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.

Offering

We give back to
God a portion of
what he has
given us to use
to declare that
he is Lord of all.
(This is part of
our service as a
church family,
and visitors
should not feel
obligated to
participate.)

OFFERTORY & RESPONSE

Reminder: please sign and pass the Attendance Register down the pew.

11 a.m. Service: Children ages 4-6 excused for Children's Church (downstairs in the Corner Classroom)

THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION



1. The chur - ch's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord, She
lect from eve - ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the - earth; Her
Church shall ne - ver pe - rish her dear Lord to de - fend. To
toil and tri - bu - la - tion, and tu - mult of her - war she
she on earth hath un - ion with God the three in one B and



5 is His new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the Word.____ From
char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord one faith one birth; - One
guide su - stain and cher - ish is with her to the - end.____ Thou
waits the con - su - ma - tion, of peace for - e - ver more____ Till
my - stic sweet co - mu - nion with those whose rest is won____ O



9 heaven He came and sought____ her to be His ho - ly bride; With His own blood He
ho - ly Name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food, And to one hope she
there be those that ha - te - her, and false sons in her pale A - gainst a foe or
with the vis - ion glo - ri - ous her long - ing eyes are blest And the great church vic -
hap - py ones and Ho - ly Lord give us grace that we Like them the meek and



14 bought her, and for her life He died.
press - es, with eve - ry grace en - dued. 2. E
trai - tor she e - ver shall pre - vail. 3. The
tor - ous shall be the church at rest. 4. Mid
low - ly on high may dwell with Thee. 5. Yet

Sermon Series: Summer Psalms & Proverbs
Guest Pastor Jeff Hamling, Trinity PCA, Bozeman
Rethinking Your Hope - 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

¹³ But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope.¹⁴ For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep.¹⁵ For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep.¹⁶ For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.¹⁷ Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord.¹⁸ Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Sermon Outline

I. Christian Hope and Revelation

II. Christian Hope and Resurrection

Sermon Outline, continued

III. Christian Hope and Vindication

Sermon

God addresses and speaks to us by the reading and preaching of his Word. Both Christians and non-Christians need to hear the good news of salvation and grow in it.

Sermon Questions

1. Can you think of a time when your hope in Christ shaped your grief or sadness about an event?
2. Why is the hope of seeing Christ fully revealed both sobering and encouraging?
3. Why is it important to distinguish between hope and optimism?
4. If you knew you only had a month or two to live, what kinds of things would you want people to say to you to encourage you and give you hope? Are there things you wouldn't want people to say?
5. What is Paul getting at when he says believers will be caught up together in the clouds when Jesus returns?

***IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL - Hymn #691**

When peace like a river attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
"It is well, it is well with my soul."

(Chorus)

It is well with my soul; it is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control:
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and has shed his own blood for my soul.

(Chorus)

My sin oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
my sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more;
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

(Chorus)

O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend;
even so, it is well with my soul.

(Chorus)

**The Lord's
Supper**

The gospel is not only heard, but visibly seen as God invites us to commune with him at his table. In the Lord's Supper we remember and experience Jesus' saving work.

At Faith Covenant, the Lord's Supper is observed each Lord's Day as the climax of our worship service. We invite to the Lord's Table all those who are baptized disciples of Jesus Christ, under the authority of Christ and His body, the Church. By eating the bread and drinking the cup with us as a visitor, you are acknowledging to our church that you are in covenant with God. You also acknowledge that you are a sinner, without hope except in the sovereign mercy of God, and that you are trusting in Jesus Christ alone for your salvation. If you have any doubts about your participation, please speak to the pastor or one of the elders after the service. Wine and bread are the elements of the supper as instituted by Jesus Christ. We recommend the use of wine; however we offer both juice and wine in the tray to allow true liberty of conscience.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Wine is located in the two outer rings; juice is located in the center ring.
(See FCC observance on below)*

PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION

*ON JORDAN'S STORMY BANKS, I STAND

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand, and cast a wishful eye
to Canaan's fair and happy land, where my possessions lie.

All o'er those wide extended plains shines one eternal day.
There God, the Son forever reigns and scatters night away.

(Chorus)

*I am bound, I am bound,
I am bound for the Promised Land.*

(Repeat)

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath can reach that healthful shore;
sickness, sorrow, pain, and death are felt and feared no more.

(Chorus)

When shall I reach that happy place and be forever blessed?
When shall I see my Father's face, and in his bosom rest?

(Chorus 2x)

*BENEDICTION

If you are in need of personal prayer, an elder is available up front after the service.

Benediction

Just as worship begins with God's call, it ends with God sending us into the world with his word of grace. We go forth to live and serve by the power of his grace, not our own strength.

Leaders & Staff

Senior Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.

Staff: Kristin Bay, Hanni Hanson, Carlynn Stahlberg, Kelly Brown, Sara Motley (*Nursery*)

Elders: Tim Anderson Grady Bennett, Tom Jentz, Trent Neumann, Don Olmsted,

Matt Riley, Micah Tinkham *Deacons:* Terry Falk, Kyle Hanson, Micah Hill, Ryan Petersen,

Mike Stahlberg, Bruce Tulloch, Phil Van Duyne *Music Director:* Bekah Marsh

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Young Life Kalispell, Directors Tim & Emily Herset

MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Pray for our member family finishing up their support raising and moving to the Middle East this fall to help plant churches.

LADIES' SUMMER BOOK CLUB: Ladies are invited to our summer book club Wednesday, July 18, at 7 p.m. in the church library to discuss **chapters 5-8** of "Liturgy of the Ordinary". For details, contact Kristin in the office (752-2400).

MISSION MEAL: Join us for lunch with the family from our church that is going to help plant churches in the Middle East. Learn more about their plans Sunday, July 29, after second service. Sign up in the foyer or RSVP to the church office by July 26.

SAVE THE DATE! FCC CHURCH CAMP: Plan on joining us September 21-23 at Thompson Lakes Christian Retreat (Easthaven's camp facility) for camp with your church family! Watch for registration details later this summer.

REFUGE TRAINING SEMINAR: Everyone is invited to the upcoming Refuge volunteer training Thursday through Saturday, July 19-21, at the church. If you are interested in attending and learning more about our ministry for survivors of domestic abuse, contact Refuge Director Sissy Hashley (890-2168).

CHURCH OF THE CROSS SERVICE: You're invited to visit our PCA church plant in Whitefish for their monthly worship service, **TODAY, July 15**, at 5 p.m. at the Whitefish Foursquare church (233 Kalispell Ave). Childcare available.

SERMON RECORDINGS can be found at our website faithcov.com. Listen online, subscribe to the podcast or download by clicking on the sermon title.

SERVING: July Deacon - Terry Falk

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: Tom & Pat Tucker/Mattern Family

Children's Church: Becky Neumann (vol. 3 #8)

Early Nursery: Salmela & Bennett

Late Nursery: : Andersons

Fellowship Hosts: Paula Saldamando & Gloria Hanson

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Barb Makowski/Yvonne Hernandez

Next Sunday - July 22nd

Ushers: Volunteers Needed/Mattern Family

Children's Church: Becky Neumann (vol. 3 #8)

Early Nursery: Petersen & Goodell

Late Nursery: Lancaster

Fellowship Hosts: Carolyn Duncan & Alyssa Hobus

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Carol Martin/Theresa Paolini

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Worship Services

Sundays 8:15 & 10 am

Sunday School

Sept.-May 10 am

Music Practice

Tuesdays 5:30 pm

Elder/Deacon Meeting

3rd Tuesdays 7 pm

Youth Groups

Sept.-May Wednesdays

Young Adult College/Career Group

Summer Wednesdays 6:30 pm

(Dinner & Study @ Andersons')

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